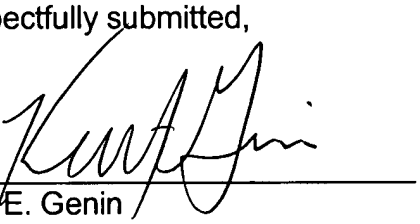
REMARKS

Applicant has amended the "Cross-Reference to Related Applications" section to identify the chain of priority and to update the information in the applications incorporated by reference into this case. Specifically, Applicant has substituted in the serial number and filing date information for the applications previously identified by attorney docket number that were filed simultaneously with the grandparent application to the present case. Applicant submits that no new matter has been added with this amendment.

Additionally, claims 1-11 have been cancelled and claims 12-42 remain pending on entry of this amendment. Claim 42 includes all of the features of claim 12, as well as the added feature of the first and second subscriber locations being in communication via at least one derived digital telephone channel carried over the ATM network and by the first and second digital subscriber lines. Support for this new claim may be found in the original specification at, for example, page 9, lines 9-16.

Respectfully submitted,



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